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[11](#). (SBU) EconPolOff and Cameron Archer, First Secretary of the Australian Embassy, delivered reftel demarche on October 16 to Georg Heindl, Deputy Director in the MFA,s Human Rights Department.

[12](#). (SBU) While Heindl said he understood the U.S. position on the draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (DRIP), he disputed many of the concerns raised in the non-papers. Heindl stated that Austria shared the position of the other EU member states in supporting the DRIP. He acknowledged that the DRIP does not enjoy consensus, but he opined that it offered the best compromise on this important issue.

[13](#). (SBU) Heindl promised to forward non-papers and Tripartite concerns to the appropriate MFA offices.
McCaw